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SUBJECT: REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD  
TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHUWG IL KWON:

BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. SPEAKER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE  
ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES. MAY I EXPRESS THE HOPE FOR, AND MY COMMITMENT TO,  
CONTINUED COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END QUOTE

2. FYI FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD  
FROM MR. CHONG. WE HAVE NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXTS  
BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RECIPIENT.

BEGIN QUOTE IT IS BOTH AS YOUR EXCELLENCY PERSONALLY  
DEVOTED FRIEND AND AS THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA THAT I HAVE THE HONOR OF WISHING  
THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD  
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SUCCESS IN YOUR PRESIDENCY IN THESE HISTORIC TIMES. MY

EARNEST CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT,  
ADMIRATION AND CONFIDENCE OFFERED TO YOUR EXCELLENCY  
BY THE GREAT NATION OF AMERICA AND ITS FRIENDS EVERYWHERE  
IN THE WORLD. MAY GOD BLESS PRESIDENT FORD. MOST  
SINCERELY, IL KWON CHUNG, THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SEOUL. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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